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BRIEFING NOTE FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: Robert W. Gambino
Director of Security

SUBJECT: APEX

1. Action Requested: None. Information for your use at 9 August NFIB meeting. This information will be supplemented by our briefing for you scheduled for 1600 hours Monday, 30 July, in your office.

2. Background: The APEX proposal has been modified because of high costs and concern about organizational implications.

3. Current Status: The NFIB will be asked to adopt a variation which proposes phased implementation over a period of 3-5 years and which offers a less centralized and smaller control organization.

4. Community Positions: With the exception of NSA, members of the Intelligence Community will probably endorse the APEX alternative in principle. NSA sees negative implications in any modification of their present systems of compartmentation.

5. Unresolved Issues: The form, size and location of any APEX control element has not been clearly defined. He has listed one proposal in his paper. In conversations he has described another which calls for [redacted] as SA/DCI,

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to serve as Chairman of a DCI Steering Committee for APEX Implementation and using 3-4 new positions in my Community Security Group as his staff arm. At the DCI's breakfast 25 July I said I thought that APEX implementation needed a new, vital centralized group with highly visible DCI support, thus it should not be associated with the Security Committee. I proposed a separate, independent existence of the APEX control organization under the DCI. (I added that the Security Committee would be pleased and willing to assist as desired.) This was endorsed by Gen. Tighe, DIA.

6. Suggested Position: I suggest that at NFIB:

a. You support the adoption of the APEX single compartmentation system and its phased implementation.

b. You endorse the concept of a centralized management element for APEX

1. under the direction of a SA/DCI

2. assisted by a Steering Committee of Community members

3. supported by a small (3-4 positions) staff assigned to the SA/DCI.

c. Offer the services of the Security Committee to assist as required.

for [redacted]
Robert W. Gambino

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